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1. DURING AUGUST 26 CALL BY EMBOFF ON DR. MARTIN BLOCH, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER, BLOCH RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM GENERAL GERD SCHMUECKLE, DIRECTOR OF NATO'S INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF, DURING WHICH SCHMUECKLE ASKED BLOCH WHEN MINISTER LEBER WOULD START TO TAKE ACTION ON AWACS. BLOCH SAID THE MINISTER WOULD TAKE ACTION "AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME AND THE APPROPRIATE TIME IS NOT NOW".

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, BLOCH EXPLAINED THAT LEBER CONSIDERS IT ADVISABLE, IN TERMS OF POLITICS, TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS ON AWACS DURING THE SEPTEMBER 8 PUBLIC BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON DEFENSE QUESTIONS BEFORE TAKING ANY STEPS. BLOCH
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3. IN THE LIGHT OF BLOCH'S COMMENTS, EMBASSY CONSIDERS ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN REF A ALL THE MORE VALID. WE ARE RECEIVING CLEAR SIGNAL FROM FMOD OFFICIALS THAT THEY PREFER NOT TO DISCUSS AWACS WITH US AT THIS TIME.
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